

first and second interlocking fastening strips respectively connected to the first and second sidewalls at the opening, the fastening strips being arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined x axis between the first and second ends, the fastening strips being secured together at the first and second ends;

a slider slidably disposed on the fastening strips for movement between the first and second ends, the slider facilitating occlusion of the fastening strips when moved towards the first end, the slider including a separator for facilitating the deocclusion of the fastening strips when moved towards the second end wherein the slider has a back plate and first and second slider sidewalls and the separator depends from the back plate and the separator's position is fixed relative to the positions of the first and second slider sidewalls; and

the first fastening strip includes a first flange portion which extends inward toward the second fastening strip, a first altered flange portion near the first end of the first fastening strip.

17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a closure device, comprising:

providing first and second interlocking fastening strips arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined X axis between first and second ends, the fastening strips being secured together at the first and second ends;

providing a slider slidably disposed on the fastening strips for movement between the first and second ends, the slider facilitating occlusion of the fastening strips when moved towards the first end, the slider including a separator for facilitating the deocclusion of the fastening strips when the slider is moved towards the second end wherein the slider has a back plate and first and second sidewalls and the separator depends from the back plate and the separator's position is fixed relative to the positions of the first and second sidewalls; and

providing the first fastening strip includes a first flange portion which extends inward toward the second fastening strip, a first altered flange portion near the first end of the first fastening strip.